

**VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE**  
***Board Meeting Minutes of***  
**March 3, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Village President Mr. Wyke called to order the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

**II. Roll Call**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Califello was present along with Mr. Cooling, Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Scheidt. Mr. Stadler and Mr. Pirc. Also present in person were Deputy Police Chief Mr. Robert Baikie, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff, Village Treasurer Steve Lucas and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Also in attendance for Questions about the projects facing the Village is Engineer Mr. Chris Ulm.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from February 17, 2026, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**IV. Visitors**

None

**V. Bills and Claims.**

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**VI. Clerk's Receipts**

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Pirc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**VII. Treasurer's Receipts**

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**IX. Building Permits**

None.

**Communications**

There were none.

**X. Old Business**

There was none.

**XI. New Business**

Mr. Wyke asked for new business. Mr. Stadler spoke of a problem with a stop sign at the corner of Lakeview Ave and Hayes St. Large vehicles are sometimes parked along Hayes St which sometimes block the vision of drivers trying to see the stop sign approaching Lakeview Ave thereby making it dangerous for travelers in that area. There was a brief discussion amongst the group reaching a conclusion by the Public Works Director, Mr. Smego to fix it with a taller stop sign tomorrow. There was nothing else to add by the rest of the Board members.

The first agenda item was presented by Mr. Wyke which was the Approval of a proposal from Gregg W. Dobczyk Excavating in the amount of \$9,800.00 for the demolition of the building located at 200 Midland Avenue. This proposal is from the same company the Village has worked with in a past project which demonstrated the effectiveness of his work. A motion was made by Mr. Stadler to approve the proposal with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next agenda item was Approval of an engagement letter between the Village of Rockdale and Chapman and Cutler, LLP to act as bond counsel for the Village with respect to the Issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bond, Junior Lien (IEPA), Series 2026A in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mr. Stiff gave his review of the history behind the agenda item tonight, The Lead Service Line Replacement is currently underway and almost complete, while the Meadow Ave. Water Main Replacement project has been awarded and set to commence in the spring. The Village pledging water account revenues to pay for these capital improvements, some of which will receive principal forgiveness or low interest loans through the IEPA. The Village engaged Chapman and Cutler last year and the first of two bond ordinances were passed. Because the IEPA loan process for the current year included the Meadow Ave. project, Chapman has prepared the bookend Ordinances on Meadow Avenue and the remaining projects for 2026. The Ordinance passed last year was to show the intent to bond while the two ordinances on the agenda tonight is the approval of the Bonds. Even though the Village is a home rule community, it still has to do the bookend ordinance. However, the Village does not have to do the backdoor referendum. Mr. Lorenc asked about the funding which Mr. Chris Ulm who was in attendance to answer any related questions regarding tonight's meeting. Mr. Ulm did mention line items in our funding agreement for legal and the like services so this could fall under that heading for funding. A motion was asked which was provided by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next up, Mr. Stiff presented to the Board the agenda item for a Resolution Approving, Adopting And Authorizing The Execution Of A Collective Bargaining Agreement By And Between the Village Of Rockdale And The Illinois Council Of Police (ICops). Mr. Stiff explained the initial proposal submitted along with the counter proposal submitted including a State of Illinois mandated issue along with alcohol and drug testing so the counter proposals submitted and approved and also ratified by their union so before the Board tonight is a final wage adjustment included an additional \$2.00 per hour increase for all full-time and \$1.00 and hour increase for part-time officers. Mr. Lorenc wanted to make sure the next time this contract comes up for renewal, the Village is prepared long before it's due to make the necessary proposals to circumvent any delays experienced this past time. Mr. Stiff spoke of the delays stemming from the union more than the Village so a motion was asked for to approve a resolution number presented by the Village

Clerk as Resolution number 870. A motioned was then asked for by Mr. Stiff to approve, motion made by Mr. Cooling, with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motioned carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Once the closings take place, the Village will receive a bound set of transcript documents.

## **XII. Department Business**

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, reported a significant service water leak which has been repaired. It was discovered when a residential line was being connected so from early reports, this unfortunately had been leaking for quite some length of time. Thankfully, Mr. Smego and staff took care of this glaring error in judgement from last year. The lift station continues to have pump related problems. Metropolitan Pump services will be on site to address this issue. Meadow Ave pipe replacement project starts the second week of March. From start up meetings, the group did remind all of those in attendance about the Village is named "Rockdale" for a reason. The construction company is aware and has planned accordingly.

Mr. Smego spoke of his Team Lead, Mr. Lucas, will soon have his crew cleaning up the West side of Moen Avenue specifically throughout the length of the industrial area. In the past, leadership was not an active participant with the concept of taking care of our new section of Moen Avenue for reasons unknown so this is a welcomed task which has been long overdue.

Finally, Mr. Smego will soon get proposals for the South Water tower to clean the inside to keep up with the standards required for water towers.

Next up, Chief Dykstra provided the Rockdale Police handout with the call list keeping it brief since much was already covered with the Icops Resolution discussion.

Mr. Malinowski covered what has transpired with meeting and documentation for the final closeout with IDOT and with the contractor so we can draw this project to a close. The Village Staff and Mr. Malinowski's staff met with IDOT recently by way of a Webex meeting. IDOT agrees with the Direction the Village has been heading and because of the Statewide mandate to close out projects which have been open for a long-time, IDOT wants this to close out soon. The Construction vendor still has issues from their previous arguments, but they will soon have to decide. Once IDOT has the final documents in front of them, a decision will be made within the next month.

There has been on-going discussions with Joe Eaves and his attorney about the recently purchased property and the refurbishment that has taken place. Especially of concern is water run off and other concerns with the tenants.

Mr. Wyke brought up Euro Trucking Company located on West Moen Ave. The on-going discussion there is to eventually have them connect to the Village water and sewer. The trucking company has a professional fee agreement in place so Mr. Wyke would like to see this project moving forward.

Mr. Stiff reported that he is presently working on compliance letters to the few who are being pursued by the Village.

Next up was an opportunity for Mr. Ulm of Strand Engineering Services, to deliver his update of projects taking place now and in the future for water services. He explained their will be additional water analysis required in preparation for the digging of the new deep well in the location of the same aquifer that Joliet

well 30 is operating in. Mr. Ulm explained the process of lead pipe harvesting and what the requirements are according to the analysis of the piping and the requirements of the IEPA. This process may be a lengthy process based on the chemistry of the inside of the piping. The IEPA also requires testing for copper.

### **XIII. Public Comment**

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Ms. Webber complained about not being able to read the entire Village highlights that are part of the opening paragraph on the monthly water bills. A printing error from the company providing water bills to the Village was at fault.

### **XIV. Special Business**

None

### **XV. Adjournment**

Before closing, Mr. Stiff reminded Board members of the next meeting that will be scheduled for Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March instead of Tuesday because of Voting.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Wednesday March 18, 2026.